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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITUATION AS OF 1100Z JUN 7

CINCLANT AND CINCEUR FOR POLAD'S; PRETORIA FOR RSO

1. FIGHTING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF JUNE 6-7 IN MOST OF THE GHETTOES SURROUNDING LUANDA. A FEW MORTAR ROUNDS LANDED IN THE EUROPEAN SECTOR OF THE CITY AND THERE WAS SOME STREET FIGHT-
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ING REPORTED IN OUTLYING WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE

NO, RPT NO AMCITS WERE AFFECTED. AT 2330 ON JUNE 6 THE HIGH COMMANDS OF THE LIBERATION FORCES ISSUED THE ITUAL COMMUNIQUE CALLING FOR THEIR TROOPS TO CEASE-FIRE. IN KEEPING WITH TRADITION IT WAS IGNORED BY ALL ARMIES.

2. IN AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT UNITA HAS DECIDED TO DEFEND ITSELF AND COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST MPLA. A CONGEN OFFICER SAW UNITA TROOPS, ONE OF WHOM WAS WHITE, MANUVERING TOWARD MPLA HQ UNDER COVERING FIRE. WHITES AT THE SCENE TOLD THE OFFICER THAT UNITA HAD BEEN FIRING AT MPLA ALL MORNING, IN RETALIATION FOR MPLA'S ATTACKS ON UNITA DELEGATIONS.

3. THE PORTUGUESE ARMY ASSAULTED AND TOOK OVER AN FNLA DELEGATION WHICH HAD BEEN LOBBING MORTAR ROUNDS INTO A NEARBY GHETTO AND IGNORING THE ARMY'S ORDER TO CEASE. THREE PORTUGUESE TROOPS WERE KILLED.

4. FOOD IS AGAIN FLOWING INTO THE CITY, CONVOYED FROM DONDO TO LUANDA BY PORTUGUESE ARMY TROOPS.

5. BOEING CORP HAS ORDERED ITS TWO AMCIT EMPLOYEES IN LUANDA TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO WAIT OUT THIS ROUND IN A SAFER LOCALE.

6. LUANDA'S LARGEST HOSPITAL WAS HIT BY SEVERAL ROCKETS (RPG'S) ON JUNE 6 AND ALL PATIENTS WERE EVACUATED TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL FARTHER FROM THE FIGHTING.

7. WE HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION ON OUTBREAKS OF RANDOM URBAN TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST WHITES. AUTOS, PRESUMABLY DRIVEN BY MPLA ADHERENTS, DROVE THROUGH THE CITY ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 6 LOBBING GRENADES AND MACHINE GUNNING CIVILIANS ON THE STREETS. WE DO NOT KNOW THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES BUT OUR MONITORING OF THE POLICE RADIO NET INDICATES THAT THIS FORM OF TERRORISM WAS WIDESPREAD.

8. THE PORTUGUESE ARMY IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN CONTROL AND WE SEE NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE REMAINING AMCITS IN LUANDA. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USUALLY BEGINS TO DIMINISH BY THE THIRD DAY OF THE FIGHTING AND WE ARE HOPING TO SEE SOME ABATEMENT BY JUNE 8. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. PORTER

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